

Please add Claims 41-43 as follows:

41. A method of controlling the usage by a user of a data object so as to comply with control conditions for usage of the data object, comprising:

providing a variable number of control conditions for usage of a data object;

providing the data object and control data, which comprises at least one usage control element defining a usage of the data object which complies with the variable number of control conditions, the data object being encrypted and stored at a data provider's computer;

receiving a request by the user for usage of the data object;

checking, in response to the request by the user for usage of the data object, whether the requested usage complies with the usage defined by the at least one usage control element of the control data; and

decrypting, in response to the requested usage complying with the usage defined by the at least one usage control element of the control data, the data object and enabling the requested usage.

42. A system for managing a data object so as to comply with control conditions for usage of the data object, comprising:

a user interface module which receives a variable number of control conditions;

a packaging module which provides a general set of control data for a data object based on the variable number of control conditions for usage, the general set of control data comprising at least one or more usage control elements defining usages of the data object which comply with the variable number of control conditions and which packages the general set of control data; and

an encrypting module which encrypts the data object to create a secure data package which is ready for transfer to a user.

43. A system for controlling the usage by a user of a data object so as to comply with control conditions for usage of the data object which is stored as an encrypted secure package, comprising: